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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

The following is a response to the Election/Restriction dated April 18, 2003, in which a response is due.

In the Election/Restriction dated April 18, 2003, Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. § 121 elects a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant respectfully requests the species of Group II.